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Installations

1. Pervouralsk is an old industrial area, now being very much enlarged. Up to September 1953, PW labor was used to assist the expansion. On page 3 is a sketch plan of Pervouralsk, drawn from memory, and showing the following:
 - a. Approximate boundary of Pervouralsk town.
 - b. New Pipe Plant (Novo-Trubnyy Zavod).
 - c. Old Pipe Plant (Staro-Trubnyy Zavod). Both these factories make steel pipes of various kinds, including some for the chemical industry. Some are as large as 55 cm in diameter and are made by the Mannesmann process.
 - d. Chemical plant, from which grass-green smoke can be seen rising every 20 to 80 minutes.
 - e. Chemical factory, which gives off gray smoke and a smell like peat. It discharges into the river, which is clear upstream, a substance which makes the water a muddy brown color and prevents grass or fish from living in it. There are plenty of edible fish upstream.¹
 - f. River.
 - g. Main railroad line from Moscow to Sverdlovsk.
 - h. Steel railroad bridge, carrying two tracks.
 - i. Road.
 - j. Road bridge, made of timber, six meters wide.
 - k. PW camp.

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2. A one-million liter tank for fuel oil (mazut) has been built near the New Pipe Plant, to supply its furnaces. Three similar tanks are under construction.
3. Magnetite ore is obtained in open-cast mines three to four kilometers southeast of Pervouralsk. Only that part of the spoil which contains 50 percent or more of ore is processed; the remainder is used for building roads and railroad embankments.
4. There were two German PW camps in Sverdlovsk, one of which supplied labor to the rubber factory, and one PW camp, No. 5, at Degtyarka, about 30 kilometers southwest of Sverdlovsk. Many of the Soviet workers at Degtyarka had been slave workers in Germany during the war.

Railroad Traffic

5. The train from Moscow to Vladivostok passed through Pervouralsk at 0710 hours, Sverdlovsk time.² The train from Moscow to Omsk and Irkutsk passed through at about 0830. Sometimes, there was also a passenger train in the afternoon. Passenger trains were usually drawn by locomotives of the 1,700 hp IS type.³
6. Freight trains passed through Pervouralsk in both directions approximately every twenty minutes, drawn usually by locomotives of the 1,350 hp FD type.⁴ These trains carried timber, coal, coke, and finished metal products in both directions. Trucks and a Soviet version of the Dodge jeep (sic), said to have been made at the Imeni Molotova Works in Gorkiy, were carried eastward.
7. In May 1953, a single train of twelve to sixteen flatcars passed eastward through Pervouralsk; on each platform were two artillery pieces which looked rather like the German Nebelwerfer. Although the barrels were covered with tarpaulins, it was possible to judge that there were no muzzle brakes. Each gun had six to eight barrels, each about two meters long, and a single trail with a spade set at 160 degrees. Each gun was about five meters in diameter. A Soviet soldier armed with a machine carbine stood guard on each flatcar.

1. Comment: This is probably the Chusovaya River.

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2. The Pervouralsk railroad station is located at Khrompik, three kilometers away.
3. According to other information, the IS locomotive has 2,680 hp.
4. According to other information, the FD 20 locomotive has 2,600 hp.

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